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Overview

The past year provided ample evidence of the expanded need for rapid, reliable and secure communications. This was due, in part, to Intelligence Community growth and resurgent activity and, in the main, to the geometric growth of teleprocessing requirements created by office automation. Previous strategic decisions which began the modernization of the Agency's communications capability have provided some additional capacity at a time when it was sorely needed. More recent commitments to the application of modern teleprocessing concepts, e.g. Local Area Networks (LAN's), promise modern service capabilities in conjunction with productivity and circuit efficiency improvements as recommended in the Grace Commission report. However, many of the accomplishments in the past year are short-term responses to immediate requirements.

Continued rapid and significant growth has required expansion of basic domestic network communications capacity while extending services to new locations. This activity ranged from installation of comprehensive teleprocessing capabilities in new buildings to tailor made responses to pressing Community requirements. It has become apparent that the aggregate change in scale requires sophisticated network and system monitoring equipment. New equipment has provided a significant productivity increase in message dissemination and continued investment will allow the Office to maintain or improve its record across the full range of its activities while keeping pace with requirements. The first effects of programmatic investment in foreign network modernization were also observed in an increasingly unpredictable and arduous overseas environment.

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of communications professionals consistently displayed the skill, dedication and innovative talent that often makes the difference between failure and success.

Intelligence Community Support

The Intelligence Community continues to require new teleprocessing systems and interoperability to rapidly review and produce finished intelligence. Additionally, it requires cross program support while maintaining the requisite compartmentation. The Office of Communications succeeded in a number of efforts to meet Community requirements in 1983.

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Capability Enhancements

The capitalization of the Agency's telecommunications capability continued throughout the past year.

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- The Office of Communications, in cooperation with the Office of Personnel, expanded and intensified recruiting efforts because of increased requirements and attrition. In part, the successful recruitment effort is reflected in a significant increase in residency training enrollment at [ ] graduated approximately [ ] electronic technicians and [ ] telecommunications officers in FY1983. Coincident with increased training for new employees, course design, equipment installation and initial training activity commenced on Recapitalization Program equipment.

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The performance of individual employees in the past year continued in the best traditions of the Office. The unique attributes of the cadre of communications personnel make the difference in special circumstances and arduous environments when the need for rapid, reliable and secure communications is critical to the national interest.

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